

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the Application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A firefighting apparatus comprising:
a vehicle;
a tank configured to carry a firefighting agent; and
a storage structure movable between a raised position above the tank and a lowered position;
wherein the storage structure extends beyond a rear of the vehicle in the lowered position.
2. Canceled.
3. (Original) The apparatus of Claim 1, wherein the storage structure extends along a top of the vehicle when in the raised position.
4. (Currently Amended) ~~The apparatus of Claim 1,~~ A firefighting apparatus comprising:
a vehicle;
a tank configured to carry a firefighting agent; and
a storage structure movable between a raised position above the tank and a lowered position;
wherein the storage structure moves along a linear axis from the raised position to the lowered position.
5. (Original) The apparatus of Claim 4, wherein the linear axis is inclined.

6. (Currently Amended) ~~The apparatus of Claim 1,~~ A firefighting apparatus comprising:

a vehicle;

a tank configured to carry a firefighting agent; and

a storage structure movable between a raised position above the tank and a lowered position;

wherein the storage structure moves along an inclined linear axis for at least a portion of time while moving between the raised position and the lowered position.

7. (Original) The apparatus of Claim 6, wherein the linear axis is between about 20 degrees and about 45 degrees relative to horizontal.

8. (Original) The apparatus of Claim 6, wherein the linear axis is between about 20 degrees and about 30 degrees relative to horizontal.

9. (Original) The apparatus of Claim 8, wherein the linear axis is about 25 degrees relative to horizontal.

10. (Original) The apparatus of Claim 6, wherein the linear axis is at least 20 degrees relative to horizontal.

11. (Original) The apparatus of Claim 6, wherein the linear axis is no greater than about 30 degrees relative to horizontal.

12. (Original) The apparatus of Claim 6, wherein the storage structure is configured to be in a substantially horizontal orientation while moving between the raised position and the lowered position.

13. (Original) The apparatus of Claim 6, wherein the storage structure includes a bed floor and a compartment below the bed floor.

14. (Currently Amended) ~~The apparatus of Claim 1 including~~ A firefighting apparatus comprising:

a vehicle;

a tank configured to carry a firefighting agent; and

a storage structure movable between a raised position above the tank and a lowered position; and

a powered actuator configured to move the storage structure between the raised position and the lowered position.

15. (Original) The apparatus of Claim 14, wherein the powered actuator includes:

a motor;

a screw rotatably driven by the motor; and

a follower coupled to the storage structure and in engagement with the worm gear.

16. (Original) The apparatus of Claim 1, wherein the storage structure has a lower most floor no greater than 15 inches above ground when in the lowered position.

17. (Original) The apparatus of Claim 1, wherein the storage structure has an upper most floor no greater than 50 inches above ground when in the lowered position.

18. (Currently Amended) ~~The apparatus of Claim 1 including~~ A firefighting apparatus comprising:

a vehicle;

a tank configured to carry a firefighting agent; and

a storage structure movable between a raised position above the tank and a lowered position; and

an inclined guide configured to guide movement of the storage structure between the raised position and the lowered position.

19. (Original) The apparatus of Claim 18, wherein the guide includes an outwardly facing surface and wherein the apparatus includes an interface having a pad slidably engaging the surface.

20. (Original) The apparatus of Claim 18, wherein the guide includes a first upwardly facing surface and wherein the apparatus includes an interface having at least one first roller engaging the first surface.

21. (Original) The apparatus of Claim 20, wherein the guide includes a secondly downwardly facing surface and wherein the apparatus includes an interface having at least one second roller engaging the second surface.

22. (Currently Amended) ~~The apparatus of Claim 1,~~ A firefighting apparatus comprising:

a vehicle;

a tank configured to carry a firefighting agent; and

a storage structure movable between a raised position above the tank and a lowered position;

wherein the storage structure includes a bed floor and wherein the apparatus further includes at least one reel rotatably supported by the storage structure below the bed floor.

23. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of Claim ~~4~~ 1, ~~wherein the storage structure moves along an inclined linear axis between the raised position and the lowered position and~~ wherein the tank has an inclined outer surface along the axis.

24. (Original) The apparatus of Claim 23 including a guide configured to guide movement of the storage structure between the raised position and the lowered position.

25. (Original) The apparatus of Claim 24 including a support elevating the guide, wherein the tank extends at least 180 degrees about the support.

26. (Original) The apparatus of Claim 24, wherein the inclined surface includes a channel at least partially receiving the guide.

27. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of Claim ~~24~~ 1, wherein the storage structure laterally projects beyond the guide.

28. (Original) The apparatus of Claim 27 including at least one accessory carried by the storage structure on at least one lateral side of the guide.

29. (Original) The apparatus of Claim 23, wherein the inclined surface includes at least one recess into which other components of the apparatus are received.

30. (Currently Amended) ~~The apparatus of Claim 1,~~ A firefighting apparatus comprising:

a vehicle;

a tank configured to carry a firefighting agent; and

a storage structure movable between a raised position above the tank and a lowered position;

wherein the storage structure includes a substantially horizontal floor portion and an inclined floor portion extending from the horizontal floor portion.

31. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of Claim 30 ~~1~~, wherein the storage structure is configured to store hose.

32. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of Claim 30 ~~1~~, wherein the tank is configured to hold at least 300 gallons of firefighting agent.

33. (Currently Amended) The storage structure of Claim 30 ~~1~~, wherein the storage structure has a length of at least about 60 inches.

34. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of Claim 30 ~~1~~, wherein the storage structure projects at least 60 inches from a rear of the vehicle when in the lowered position.

35. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of Claim 30 ~~1~~, wherein the storage structure includes a perforated floor.

36. (Original) A firefighting apparatus comprising:
a vehicle having a rear; and
a storage structure movable along an inclined axis between a raised position forward the rear of the vehicle and a lowered position.

37. (Original) The apparatus of Claim 36, wherein the storage structure is supported in a substantially horizontal orientation while moving between the raised position and the lowered position.

38. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of Claim 36, wherein the storage structure projects beyond a the rear of the vehicle when in the lowered position.

39. (Original) The apparatus of Claim 38, wherein the storage structure extends along a top of the vehicle when in the raised position.

40. (Original) The apparatus of Claim 36, wherein the storage structure extends along a top of the vehicle when in the raised position.

41. (Original) The apparatus of Claim 36 including a tank configured to contain a firefighting agent, wherein the storage structure is higher than the tank when in the raised position.

42. (Original) The apparatus of Claim 36 including a powered actuator configured to move the storage structure between the raised position and the lowered position.

43. (Original) The apparatus of Claim 42, wherein the powered actuator includes:
a motor;
a screw rotatably driven by the motor; and
a follower coupled to the storage structure and in engagement with the screw.

44. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of Claim 36, wherein the inclined linear axis is between 20 degrees and about 30 degrees relative to horizontal.

45. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of Claim 36, wherein the inclined linear axis is at least 20 degrees relative to horizontal.

46. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of Claim 36, wherein the inclined linear axis is no greater than about 30 degrees relative to horizontal.

47. (Original) The apparatus of Claim 36, wherein the storage structure has an open exposed top when in the raised position.

48. (Withdrawn) A vehicular storage system for a vehicle, the system comprising:
an inclined guide configured to be coupled to a vehicle;
a storage structure coupled to the guide and configured to move along the guide while maintaining a substantially horizontal orientation.

49. (Withdrawn) The system of Claim 48 including an actuator configured to move the storage structure along the guide.

50. (Withdrawn) The system of Claim 49, wherein the actuator includes:
a motor;
a screw rotatably driven by the motor; and
a follower coupled to the storage structure and in engagement with the screw.

51. (Withdrawn) The system of Claim 50, wherein the guide includes an outwardly facing surface and wherein the storage structure includes a pad slidably engaging the surface.

52. (Withdrawn) The system of Claim 50, wherein the guide includes a first upwardly facing surface and wherein the storage structure includes at least one first roller engaging the first surface.

53. (Withdrawn) The system of Claim 52, wherein the guide includes a second downwardly facing surface and wherein the storage structure includes at least one second roller engaging the second surface.

54. (Withdrawn) The system of Claim 48, wherein the storage structure includes an uncovered bed and a compartment suspended below the bed.

55. (Withdrawn) The system of Claim 48, wherein the guide extends along a linear axis of between 20 degrees and 45 degrees relative to horizontal.

56. (Withdrawn) The system of Claim 48, wherein the storage structure laterally projects beyond both sides of the guide.

57. (Withdrawn) The system of Claim 48, wherein the guide extends along a linear axis of between 20 degrees and 30 degrees relative to horizontal.

58. (Withdrawn) The system of Claim 48, wherein the guide extends along a linear axis of at least 20 degrees relative to horizontal.

59. (Withdrawn) The system of Claim 48, wherein the guide extends along a linear axis of no greater than 45 degrees relative to horizontal.

60. (Original) A method of storing hose on a firefighting vehicle, the method comprising:

moving a floor, upon which hose is resting, along an inclined axis between a raised position in which the floor is forward a rear of the vehicle and a lowered position in which the floor projects beyond the rear of the vehicle.

61. (Original) A method for storing hose on a firefighting vehicle, the method comprising:

moving a floor, upon which hose is resting, along an inclined axis between a raised position in which the floor extends over a tank of the vehicle and a lowered position in which the floor extends below a top of the tank of the vehicle.

62. (Withdrawn) A firefighting apparatus comprising:
a vehicle;
means for supporting a hose; and
means for guiding movement of the supporting means along an inclined axis between a raised position in which the supporting means is forward a rear of the vehicle and a lowered position in which the supporting means projects beyond the rear of the vehicle.